

Request
For
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal

Application Number	09/606,742
Filing Date	June 29, 2000
First Named Inventor	COX et al.
Group Art Unit	3738
Examiner Name	David J. Isabella
Attorney Docket Number	003-002-C1 (086-C1)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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 - iv. ☐ Other _____
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 - b. ☐ Other _____
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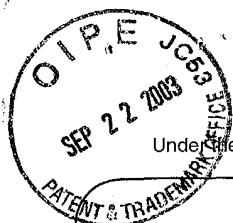
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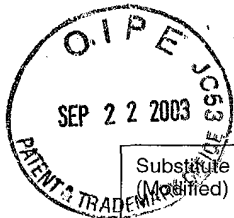
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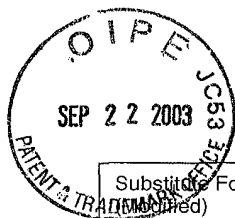
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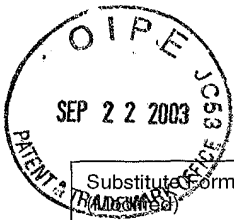


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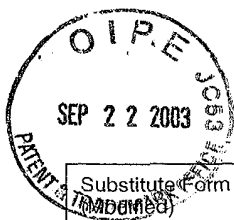
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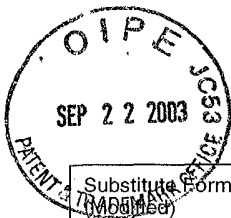


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